

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Cancel the paragraph at page 3, lines 7-20 of the application, and replace with the following:

--FIG. 1 illustrates a plug gauge 20 in accordance with one presently preferred embodiment of the invention. Plug gauge 20 includes a support 22, in the form of a plate or bracket, for mounting the plug gauge above an inspection station for inspecting containers. The inspection station preferably receives containers in sequence from a conveyor (not shown). The conveyor may take the form of a starwheel conveyor of the type illustrated in U.S. Patent 4,230,219, for example, or of the type illustrated in U.S. application Serial No. 09/679,584 filed October 4, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,581,751. The conveyor shown in the noted pending application, which is incorporated herein by reference, includes a frame to which support 22 can be mounted so that plug gauge 20 is secured in fixed position over an inspection station to which containers are brought by the conveyor for inspection. The invention is by no means limited to use in connection with circular-type conveyors, and can as well be implemented in connection with linear conveyors. The container preferably is held in fixed position beneath gauge 20 during the inspection operation. However, a less preferred arrangement would be to mount gauge 20 on a suitable movable frame so that the gauge can follow and inspect containers moving along a linear path, for example.--